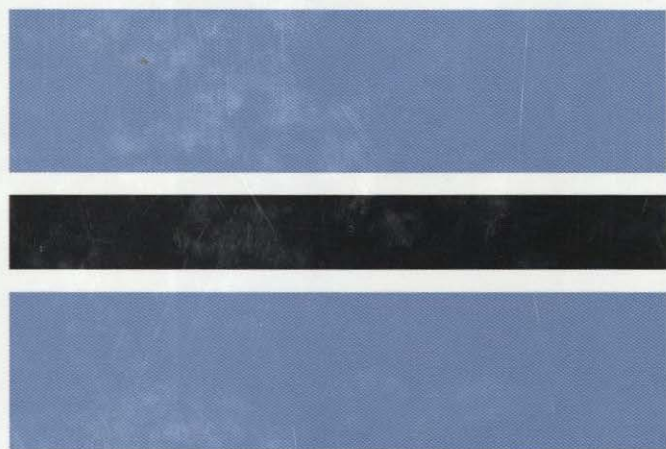


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## Bibliography

Since the appearance of the previous edition of this historical dictionary, the field of "Botswana studies" has grown exponentially, as reflected in this updated bibliography. Reasons for the expansion include the tripling in size of the University of Botswana, the open research climate in the country and plethora of resources; the nation's remarkable economic expansion, Botswana's world center-stage role in the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and the dynamic political changes in the region that have altered Botswana's circumstances and invited comparative studies.

Nonspecialists are advised to scan titles to guide their selection and look through the websites listed at the end of the bibliography. For those needing reference to key authors or works with which to get started, the following recommendations are made.

For general academic works, good introductions are Tom Tlou and Alec Campbell, *A History of Botswana*, and Wayne Edge and Mogopodi Lekorwe, *Botswana Politics and Society*. The interdisciplinary journal of the Botswana Society, *Botswana Notes and Records*, is indexed on the society's website, and Botswana's other leading journal, *Pula: Botswana Journal of African Studies*, is indexed on Neil Parson's University of Botswana History Department website <http://www.thuto.org/ubh>), which contains much information for researchers and general readers.

Botswana has benefited from decades of anthropological and sociological studies, particularly with regard to its tiny BaSara population. Readers interested in "Bushmen" or "San" or Khoesan are cautioned to be aware of the major disputes in this field and should begin with Karim Sadr's 1997 article before proceeding to the writings of James Denbow, William Hitchcock, Richard Lee, Loma Marshall, Ed Wilmsen, and others. The best work on the BaTswana prior to independence was done by Isaac Schapera, all of whose publications are highly recommended, as are more recent studies by Richard Werbner on the BaKalanga and Botswana ethnicity. In the areas of media, language, and literature, the work of James Zaffiro chronicles the development of communication and media since Botswana's independence. With regard to language, SeTswana has been erratically served by its dictionaries (e.g., John Brown's *Setswana Dictionary* and Zaccariah Matumo's *Setswana English Setswana Dictionary*), but a new one is due out in 2008 from Longman: Desmond Cole, Nauren Cole, and Lally Moncho-Warren, *Setswana and English Illustrated Vocabulary*. The best grammar for learners remains Desmond Cole's *Introduction*.



though it is difficult to obtain. For a general discussion of Botswana's other languages, refer to works by Tore Janson and Joseph Tsonope, H. M. Batibo and Brigit Smieja, and Lydia Nythi-Ramahobo. For Ikalanga, Botswana's second most-used indigenous language, refer to Joyce Mathangwane's work, and for Khoesan languages, see Ernst Westphal's.

In the realm of literature, Botswana has been well served both in English and SeTswana (for those able to read these works, those by M. S. Kitchin, Davidson Pelman Moloto, Solomon T. Plaatje, and Martinus Seboni are recommended). The late Bessie Head is Botswana's most accomplished author of fiction, though outsiders Norman Rush and Alexander McCall Smith have sold much more and are far better known internationally. For some of Botswana's own current best authors, refer to the work of Unity Dow, Priscilla Marope, M. S. Mokgachane, S. O. Mothei, Baralong Seboni, and M. M. Tseasele.

A great deal of excellent historical literature is available, though Botswana lacks a university-level survey of high quality. On Botswana's archaeology and prehistory, a useful overview is Paul Lane, Andrew Reid, and Alinah Segobye, *Ditswa Mmung*. The leading stone-age archaeologist is John Yellen, and for rock art in Botswana and southern Africa, refer to Alec Campbell's work. The leading early Iron Age archaeologist is James Denbow, and groundbreaking work on the mid- to late Iron Age has been published by Jan Boeyens. For 19th-century Botswana, the only overview is the high school text by Jeff Ramsay, Barry Morton, and Themba Mgadla. The best 20th-century history up to independence is Fred Morton and Jeff Ramsay's *Birth of Botswana*, but it is out of print. Readers in need of more detailed history are obliged to use focused studies, in particular the work of Michael Crowder, Sandy Grant, Paul Landau, Themba Mgadla, Barry Morton, Fred Morton, Neil Parsons, Jeff Ramsay, Isaac Schapera, and Thomas Tlou.

Botswana's modern period is best studied through articles about recent major trends, such as the rise of minority group consciousness (the 2002 issue of *Journal of Southern African Studies* edited by Richard Werbner), health and HIV/AIDS (see the works of Julie Livingston and Rebecca Upton), the ongoing debate over the alleged decline of democratic governance (see the publications of Michael Dingake, Kenneth Good, John Holm, Mpho Molomo, and Patrick Molutsi), and Botswana's failure to reduce inequality in spite of its economic growth (see works by Keith Jefferis and by Robert Greener, Keith Jefferis, and Happy Siphambe).

Readers are advised, when referring to any source on Botswana in the recent period, whether published in hard copy or on a website, to be very cautious about accepting statistical evidence. A common phenomenon in representing Botswana, whether by international nongovernmental organizations, the United Nations, or foreign government departments, is the reproduction of statistics that are outdated, poorly sourced, or unattested. In the view of the authors of this dictionary, valuable information may be found in such international sources as the International Monetary Fund, but the most reliable statistics are available on Botswana-based websites, such as the Central Statistics Office, the Bank of Botswana, the Ministry of Finance

and Development Planning, the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis, and the National Aids Coordinating Agency. Nevertheless, getting up-to-date, reliable statistics in many areas can be problematic.

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